

to it; \$88,000 this year, many more dollars next year. I don't feel that government should get involved unless it is absolutely necessary and nobody has proved to me that this is necessary, and so I would urge you to adopt this amendment and strike the public radio funding amendment from this bill. And with that, I'd be real happy to answer any questions for you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Peterson, please, then Senator Chambers.

SENATOR PETERSON: Mr. President and members, I rise to support the Hefner amendment. I remember about two years ago the bill was passed on this floor to start public radio and I believe the comment from several, Senator Scofield and maybe Senator Baack, I can't remember, at that time said that we do it with private money and I said then, and I'm going to say it again, that that, I made the statement that that was not going to hold true, that you'd be back in asking for money, a small amount, and that that small amount, if it once got adopted, would grow. In five or ten years you'd be looking at a 500 to a million dollar boondoggle as far as I am concerned. What, in essence, I think you're saying is to the radio stations now, you're not doing a good enough job and, my gosh, you can turn your dial and get any kind of thing, music or whatever you want now on radio, and if you want the public radio, go out and get the public funding for it. I ask you support the amendment to withdraw the funding for public radio. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, then Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, my job can be awfully hard after that one-two punch. I'm almost intimidated and may not say anything, but I'm going to struggle and do the best I can. Senator Hefner said that he is willing to answer questions, so with great fear, trembling, and trepidation I'm going to ask Senator Hefner, will he answer a question or two for me?

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner, please.

SENATOR HEFNER: Certainly, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Hefner, you said you don't listen to public radio, or that you do?